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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) **FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the July 3, 2002 Office Action. With the extension, a response is due on or before November 4, 2002. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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